



**Date:** September 8, 2008

**To:** Brock Barnhart, ADOT Communication and Community Partnerships (CCP) Division

**From:** Sue Lewin, Northwest Valley Community Outreach Team Lead

**Subject:** **US 60/Grand Avenue, Loop 101 to McDowell Road Design Concept Report and Environmental Study — Public Meeting Documentation**  
ADOT Project Numbers 060 MA 149 H7292 01L and 060 MA 149 H7328 01L

Between June 25 and July 8, 2008, the ADOT CCP Division, in partnership with Valley Project Management and Environmental Planning Group (EPG), hosted three public open houses in support of the US 60 (Grand Avenue), Loop 101 to McDowell Design Concept Report and Environmental Documentation study. The purpose of the study is to evaluate and recommend improvements to be constructed along this segment of Grand Avenue that are consistent with the voter-approved Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for Maricopa County and recommendations included in the Maricopa Association of Governments *Grand Avenue Major Investment Study, SR 101L to McDowell Road, Phase II* report, published in February 2006. The proposed improvements would be constructed with funding provided during Phase I of the RTP (2006-2010).

This segment of Grand Avenue extends across the boundaries of the cities of Phoenix, Glendale and Peoria, and each city has its own specific needs. ADOT therefore chose to work in partnership with each city to hold an open house near the Grand Avenue alignment in each city, to feature specific information on the proposed projects for that city as well as overall information on the study and the projects under consideration for the other cities. At each meeting, community members were provided the opportunity to learn about and provide comments on the proposed Grand Avenue improvements under consideration in each city.

The IAP2 Public Participation Spectrum level (**see attached**) for these meetings was *consult*, which is defined by IAP2 as “to obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.” The public comments obtained from these meetings are recorded in the documentation for the study and appended to the study report.

### **Meeting Preparation**

Planning for the public meetings for this project was discussed at several monthly agency coordination meetings at ADOT, as well as at a preparation meeting held at ADOT on Tuesday, June 10, 2008. The study team leadership also agreed that Spanish translation would be made available at the Glendale and Phoenix meetings due to the area demographics and the team's experience in hosting previous meetings in these areas.

**Meeting Notification.** The legal advertisements of record for each meeting were published in the appropriate local sections of the Arizona Republic, as follows:



- **June 25 meeting in Peoria:** The legal ad for Peoria open house (**see attached**) was published on Saturday, June 7, 2008 in *The Arizona Republic* Zone 2 / Peoria community section.
- **June 26 meeting in Glendale:** The legal ad for the Glendale open house (**see attached**) was published on Saturday, June 7, 2008 in *The Arizona Republic* Zone 18 / South Glendale community section.
- **July 8 meeting in Phoenix:** The legal ad for the Phoenix open house was published on Saturday, June 21, 2008 in *The Arizona Republic* Zone 3 / Central Phoenix community section.

An electronic meeting notice (**see attached**) was uploaded to ADOT's Web site. A postcard meeting notice (**see attached**) was sent to every property owner of record (as listed on the Maricopa County Assessor's Web site) abutting the project alignment. Meeting notices were also sent out via e-mail and U.S. mail to approximately 500 subscribers of ADOT's US 60 (Grand Avenue) stakeholder contact list. At the request of city of Glendale Transportation Department staff, a bilingual meeting notice (copy attached) was delivered to potentially impacted residences areas along the project alignment. Copies of the notices are included in the official study documentation.

**Media Outreach and Coverage.** A news release (see attached) was prepared and distributed June 18, 2008 by ADOT to local media.

Pre-meeting media coverage included the following article and guest editorials (copies attached):

- June 16, 2008 – "ADOT to discuss Grand Avenue upgrades" – *The Arizona Republic*

Pre-meeting media coverage included the following articles:

- Spring 2008 – *City of Glendale Onboard Transportation Improvement Program Annual Report*
- June 17, 2008 – "Grand upgrades topic of ADOT meetings" – *The Arizona Republic*
- June 20, 2008 – "Meetings focus on Grand plan" – *Daily News-Sun*
- June 23, 2008 – "See plans for road improvement" (West Valley brief) – *The Arizona Republic*
- June 24, 2008 – "Grand Ave. upgrades topic of public meetings" – *The Arizona Republic*

Copies of these stories are available on the ADOT Web site at the following address:

[http://www.valleyfreeways.com/Highways/valley\\_freeways/US60/Grand\\_Avenue/meetings\\_notices.asp](http://www.valleyfreeways.com/Highways/valley_freeways/US60/Grand_Avenue/meetings_notices.asp)

The following media representatives attended the meetings:

- *The Arizona Republic* – Jeffrey Javier

Post-meeting media coverage included the following articles:

- June 27, 2008 – "Residents eager for Grand Ave. upgrades" – *The Arizona Republic*

Meeting coverage was generally accurate and balanced. However, in the pre-meeting coverage, the Arizona Republic provided the incorrect project e-mail address. A correction was sent to *The Arizona Republic* and subsequent articles included the correct address.



## **Meeting Summaries**

Meeting participants were greeted at the sign-in table and provided with a survey form and a question card to submit to the study team members to be answered at the end of the presentation. Displayed at each meeting were informational exhibit boards and maps identifying the location of potential projects and their associated potential right-of-way requirements. Each meeting included a formal presentation followed by a brief question and answer period. The presentations at each meeting were made by both ADOT Community Relations Project Manager Brock Barnhart and the consultant study team project manager, Mark Milstone, of DMJM Harris. Copies of the sign-in sheets and completed survey forms are included in the official study documentation. The slide presentations used at each of the three public meetings can be viewed by visiting the ADOT Web site at the following address:

[http://www.valleyfreeways.com/Highways/valley\\_freeways/US60/Grand\\_Avenue/meetings\\_notices.asp](http://www.valleyfreeways.com/Highways/valley_freeways/US60/Grand_Avenue/meetings_notices.asp)

A brief overview of each of the three meetings is included below.

### **Public Meeting for Peoria Segment:**

**Wednesday, June 25, 2008 City of Peoria Pine Room, 6-8 p.m.:** Ten community members signed-in for the meeting, in addition to several city council members and staff, and *The Arizona Republic* Reporter Jeffrey Javier.

The following is a list of the types of projects on which the public was invited to comment relative to the Peoria segment of Grand Avenue (mileposts 148.90 to 152.65):

- Pedestrian lighting on the non-railroad side of Grand Avenue
- Landscaping in medians that are at least 10 feet wide and along roadside, where feasible
- Screen wall or decorative fencing on railroad side
- Moving overhead utilities to underground
- New street lighting

One public comment form was returned at the meeting, with the respondent expressing gratitude to ADOT and the City of Peoria for hosting the meeting and providing contact information for the Grand Avenue mailing list.

The following is a summary of the questions and answers (Q&A) from the meeting in Peoria:

#### **Q: Will the railroad pay for a wall along the tracks?**

A: The railroad will not be paying for a wall along the tracks. The voter-approved Regional Transportation Plan for Maricopa County is providing the funding for a combination of a decorative fence and low concrete barrier, which is similar to the concrete barriers typically seen along highways. The city of Peoria has requested a fence along the top of the barrier, which will extend 100 feet past 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue to discourage pedestrians from crossing the tracks. The city has also requested the incorporation of decorative fence posts every 500 feet. The low barrier wall will extend all the way to Loop 101.



**Q. What about landscaping along the fence/wall?**

A. The railroad will not permit landscaping between the wall and the tracks. ADOT and city of Peoria are looking at where landscaping may be added along the road side of the fence/wall.

**Q. How will traffic be controlled during construction?**

A. ADOT will not know the exact details of the traffic control plan until its construction contractor has been hired. However, ADOT uses a number of methods to minimize the impact to commuter traffic during construction, including off-peak and nighttime traffic restrictions.

**Q. Will the BNSF Railroad participate in funding any of the recommended improvements?**

A. BNSF Railroad is not contributing any funds for the recommended improvements. The recommended improvements are funded through the RTP program at \$29.7 million programmed in FY 2010. BNSF through permitting agreements with ADOT is allowing ADOT to use railroad right of way for necessary construction easements.

**Public Meeting for Glendale Segment:**

**Thursday, June 26, 2008 City of Glendale Sunset Vista Elementary School, 6-8 p.m.:**

Seventeen people signed in for the meeting, including city of Glendale Council Member David Goulet, several owners of commercial properties along Grand Avenue and two members of the city of Glendale Citizen Transportation Advisory Commission.

The following is a list of the types of projects on which the public was invited to comment relative to the Glendale segment of Grand Avenue (71<sup>st</sup> to 43<sup>rd</sup> avenues):

- Parcel purchase
- Median closures and/or modifications
- New right-turn lanes
- New right-in/right-out turn configurations
- Intersection removals and/or improvements
- Driveway closures
- New screen wall – various locations
- Access reconfiguration
- New landscaping – west side of Grand Ave.
- New landscaping in medians that are at least 10-feet-wide
- New sidewalks, where needed
- Relocation of utilities underground
- Additional street lighting

Three completed public comment forms were received at the meeting. One additional comment form was received following the meeting, as well as a letter from a law firm, on behalf of Busbee's Mobile Home Sales at 6200 NW Grand Avenue, expressing concerns about potential business impacts.



The tone of the meeting was generally positive, although Council Member Goulet and some of the Grand Avenue business owners expressed concerns regarding potential impacts to businesses. The following is a summary of the Q&A:

**Q. How will this project affect the railroad access to businesses?**

A. We anticipate no railroad impacts to businesses as a result of the proposed improvements.

**Q. Why close the median at Grand and Missouri avenues?**

A. One of the main regional goals for Grand Avenue is access control, i.e., limiting access to Grand Avenue from side streets to improve the flow of traffic along US 60/Grand Avenue.

**Q. What aesthetic treatment is planned for medians that are less than ten feet wide?**

A. None. The proposed plan is to install concrete medians or a combination of concrete and decomposed granite in medians less than ten feet wide.

**Q. How will bike lanes be made safe?**

A. All three cities (Phoenix, Glendale and Peoria) agree with ADOT that Grand Avenue is not a safe opportunity for bicycle operations, and so no improvements are planned for bike lanes.

**Q. If these proposed improvements limit access to existing businesses and the owners of those businesses choose to vacate, who else would want to relocate there?**

A. These types of comments are very important for the study team to consider, but we cannot answer them at this meeting. We need to record all of the comments from the businesses represented here today – that is why we are here.



The following is a summary of the written comments received at the Glendale meeting:

Category:	Comments:
<b>Access Control</b>	Grand & Missouri: I strongly urge you to keep the left turn lane from Grand Avenue onto Missouri Avenue...I live at 4400 West Missouri and use Grand Avenue several times a week, going to the Post Office just north of Grand on 55 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and to downtown Glendale, as well as to Sun City and Surprise. I return home by way of Grand Avenue and turn off at Missouri to get home. There is no problem (either in the daytime or nighttime) seeing the northbound traffic on Grand Avenue, since there is a clear view of traffic coming off the bridge over Camelback, and the left-hand turn onto Missouri can be made easily by just watching the traffic flow. If I had to exit Grand Avenue onto Bethany Home Road, it would force me to drive south on either 47 <sup>th</sup> Avenue or 45 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, both of which are residential areas, with cars parked on both sides of the street and children on 43 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue where people drive like maniacs trying to make the green light at Camelback. Many people from my area use Grand Avenue, even those who live east of 43 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Missouri. PLEASE KEEP LEFT TURN LANE ONTO MISSOURI OPEN.
	Important project for moving traffic.
	Parcel acquisitions important to access control to make road safer and allow higher speeds.
<b>Aesthetics</b>	Aesthetics important consideration with construction not as an afterthought.
	Prefer some beautification efforts be made on medians that are less than ten feet wide.
<b>Safety</b>	Concern regarding increased speed limit on Grand Avenue with limited speed control or traffic control devices.
<b>Business Impacts</b>	Regarding Busbee's Mobile Home Sales at 6200 NW Grand Avenue: Proposed frontage taken from 6202 makes manufactured home dealership non-existent (can't display correct number of homes.) 6244 access of a 96-foot home and truck still doesn't appear possible for ingress and egress. Northbound customers from county property are our customer base. No left-turn at Orangewood eliminates access. Our homes are primarily going north into county areas. Drive-by business of displaying homes can't be done with eight-foot wall. Median will be problem pulling large [mobile] homes.



### **Public Meeting for Phoenix Segment:**

**Tuesday, July 8, 2008 City of Phoenix Encanto Park Clubhouse, 6-8 p.m.:**

Nine community members signed in for the meeting.

The following is a list of the types of projects on which the public was invited to comment relative to the Phoenix segment of Grand Avenue (Milepost 157.57 to 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue):

- Intersection improvements
- Median closures
- New right-turn lanes
- New right-in/right-out turn configurations
- Intersection removals
- Driveway closures
- Access reconfiguration
- New sidewalks, where needed
- New street lighting
- New landscaping, where feasible

One completed comment form, in which the respondent asked to be added to the Grand Avenue contact database. Two respondents chose to submit their comments on their question cards, which Brock Barnhart read aloud:

**Comment: Leave escape space at Grand and 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue to allow southbound 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue traffic to turn southeast on Grand.**

Response: We will record this comment for the project team's consideration.

**Comment: Grand Avenue can look really ugly because of the railroad. I can appreciate limited funds, with no wall and landscaping. What about having the [BNSF] Railroad donate old railroad ties to do some zigzag [planter designs] and add small trees?**

Response: ADOT can try to approach its liaison with the BNSF Railroad to discuss this suggestion. It may fall on deaf ears, but we can certainly give it a try.

All public comments will be incorporated into the environmental report for the study, for consideration by ADOT and the cities with local jurisdiction over the section of Grand Avenue that is the subjects of each of the comments.

### **Attachments:**

1. IAP2 Spectrum
2. Newspaper advertisements of record (3)
3. Meeting notices electronic and hard copy formats (3)
4. News release
5. Sample public comment form (3)

# IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation



Increasing Level of Public Impact

	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
<b>Public participation goal</b>	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.
<b>Promise to the public</b>	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.
<b>Example techniques</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Fact sheets</li> <li>■ Web sites</li> <li>■ Open houses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Public comment</li> <li>■ Focus groups</li> <li>■ Surveys</li> <li>■ Public meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Workshops</li> <li>■ Deliberative polling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Citizen advisory committees</li> <li>■ Consensus-building</li> <li>■ Participatory decision-making</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Citizen juries</li> <li>■ Ballots</li> <li>■ Delegated decision</li> </ul>





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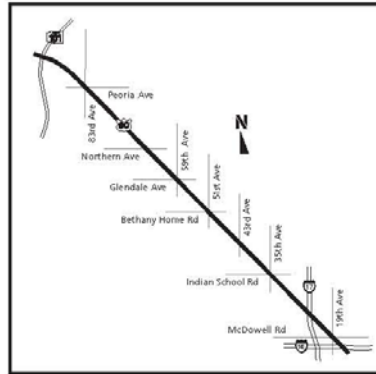


## **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

### **US 60 (GRAND AVENUE) LOOP 101 TO MCDOWELL ROAD DESIGN CONCEPT REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY**



**June 25, 2008  
Peoria City Hall  
Pine Meeting Room  
8401 W. Monroe St.  
Peoria, Ariz.  
6-8 p.m.  
Presentation at 6:30 p.m.**



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ADOT is hosting a public meeting in each of the cities within the study area to inform the public about potential Grand Avenue projects being evaluated for each city. The public will have an opportunity to provide input on the projects and the recommended priorities for implementation with the available RTP funding. The study is evaluating the following types of improvements on US 60 (Grand Avenue) in the City of Peoria for possible future implementation:

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A brief presentation on the projects will be made at the meeting, followed by an open house where project information in the form of maps and displays will be available for viewing. Representatives from the ADOT design team will be present to answer questions after the formal presentation.

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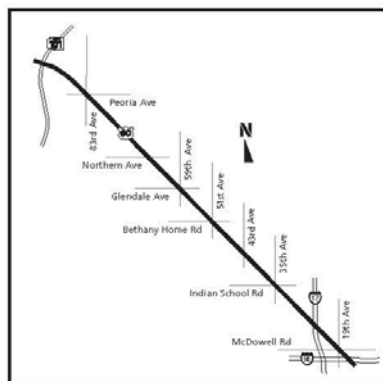


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**June 26, 2008  
Sunset Vista Elementary School  
Multi-purpose Room  
7775 W Orangewood Ave.  
Glendale, Ariz.  
6-8 p.m.  
Presentation at 6:30 p.m.**



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- New right-in/right-out turn configurations
- Intersection removals and/or improvements
- Driveway closures
- New screen wall – various locations
- Access reconfiguration
- New landscaping – east side of Grand Avenue
- New landscaping in medians that are at least 10-feet-wide
- New sidewalks, where needed
- Relocation of utilities underground
- Additional street lighting

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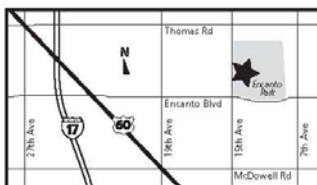


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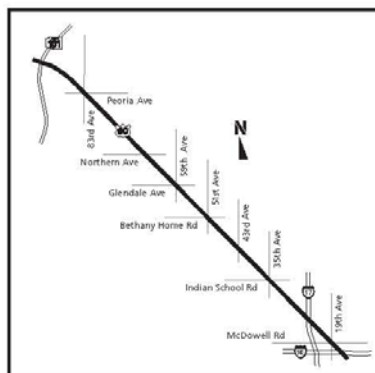


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6-8 p.m.; 6:30 presentation

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## Join Us Public Information Meeting US 60 (Grand Avenue) Loop 101 to McDowell Road Design Concept Report/Environmental Study

### June 25, 2008

Peoria City Hall  
Pine Meeting Room  
8401 W. Monroe St., Peoria, Ariz.  
6-8 p.m.; presentation at 6:30 p.m.

### June 26, 2008

Sunset Vista Elementary School  
Multi-purpose Room  
7775 W Orangewood Ave., Glendale, Ariz.  
6-8 p.m.; presentation at 6:30 p.m.

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Encanto Park  
Clubhouse  
2605 N 15th Ave., Phoenix, Ariz.  
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## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



# PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

### US 60 (GRAND AVENUE) LOOP 101 TO MCDOWELL ROAD DESIGN CONCEPT REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY



**June 26, 2008**  
**Sunset Vista Elementary School**  
**Multi-purpose Room**  
**7775 W Orangewood Ave.**  
**Glendale, Ariz.**  
**6-8 p.m.**  
**Presentation at 6:30 p.m.**



The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in conjunction with its city partners and the Federal Highway Administration, has initiated a design concept report and environmental study to evaluate and recommend potential future improvements to US 60 (Grand Avenue) between Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) and McDowell Road. Projects under consideration are consistent with the 20-year Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for Maricopa County and the Grand Avenue Major Investment Study, SR 101L to McDowell Road, Phase II report, published in February 2006 by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG).

ADOT is hosting a public meeting in each of the cities within the study area to inform the public about potential Grand Avenue projects being evaluated for each city. The public will have an opportunity to provide input on the projects and the recommended priorities for implementation with the available RTP funding. The study is evaluating the following types of improvements on US 60 (Grand Avenue) in the City of Glendale for possible future implementation:

- Parcel purchase
- Median closures and/or modifications
- New right-turn lanes
- New right-in/right-out turn configurations
- Intersection removals and/or improvements
- Driveway closures
- New screen wall – various locations
- Access reconfiguration
- New landscaping – east side of Grand Avenue
- New landscaping in medians that are at least 10-feet-wide
- New sidewalks, where needed
- Relocation of utilities underground
- Additional street lighting

A brief presentation on the project will be made at the meeting, followed by an open house where project information in the form of maps and displays will be available for viewing. Representatives from the ADOT design team will be present to answer questions after the formal presentation.

For additional technical and project information, or to submit comments in writing, please contact Brock Barnhart, c/o Northwest Corridor Community Outreach Team at 1146 N. Mesa Drive #102-298, Mesa, AZ 85201. Project Hotline: 480-890-3055 (Para Español: 480-529-3647), E-mail: [ProjectUpdate@lewin-associates.com](mailto:ProjectUpdate@lewin-associates.com).

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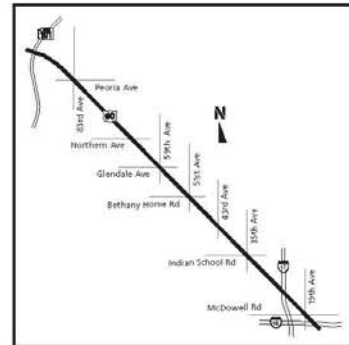


# REUNIÓN DE INFORMACIÓN PÚBLICA

### US 60 (AVENIDA GRAND) CIRCUITO 101 AL MCDOWELL ROAD INFORME DEL CONCEPTO DE DISEÑO Y ESTUDIO AMBIENTAL



26 de junio de 2008  
Sunset Vista Elementary School  
Multi-purpose Room  
7775 W Orangewood Ave.  
Glendale, Ariz.  
6-8 p.m.  
Presentación a las 6:30 p.m.



El Departamento de Transporte de Arizona (ADOT), en conjunto con sus socios de la municipalidad y con la Administración Federal de Carreteras, ha iniciado un informe del concepto de diseño y del estudio ambiental para evaluar y recomendar futuras mejoras a la US 60 (Avenida Grand) entre el Circuito 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) y McDowell Road. Los proyectos bajo consideración concuerdan con el Plan Regional de Transporte (RTP) a 20 años para el Condado de Maricopa y con el informe del Estudio de inversión mayor en la Avenida Grand, SR 101L hasta McDowell Road, Fase II, publicado en el 2006 por la Asociación de Gobiernos de Maricopa (MAG).

ADOT efectuará reuniones públicas en cada una de las municipalidades que forman parte del área de estudio para informar al público sobre los proyectos potenciales que están siendo evaluados en la Avenida Grand para cada municipalidad. Durante las reuniones, el público tendrá la oportunidad de aportar opiniones y comentarios sobre los proyectos y las prioridades recomendadas para implementarse con el financiamiento disponible del RTP. El estudio evaluará los siguientes tipos de mejoras a la US 60 (Avenida Grand) en la Municipalidad de Glendale para implementarlas posiblemente a futuro:

- Compra de parcela
- Cierres de medianos o rayas divisorias y/o modificaciones
- Nuevos carriles para virar a la derecha
- Nuevas configuraciones para intersecciones de derecha-en/derecha hacia fuera
- Eliminación de intersecciones y/o mejoras
- Cierres de calzadas
- Nueva pared pantalla- varias ubicaciones
- Reconfiguración de entradas
- Paisaje nuevo-lado este de la Avenida Grand
- Paisaje nuevo en medianos o rayas divisorias que midan por lo menos 10 pies de ancho
- Aceras nuevas, donde sea necesario
- Traslado de servicios públicos de la superficie a líneas subterráneas
- Alumbrado público adicional

Durante la reunión, se realizará una presentación breve sobre el proyecto, seguida por una exhibición que proporcionará información mediante el uso de mapas y exposiciones disponibles para vista del público. Representantes del equipo de diseño de ADOT estarán presentes para contestar preguntas al término de la presentación formal.

Para información técnica adicional o sobre los proyectos, o para enviar sus comentarios por escrito, póngase en contacto con Brock Barnhart, c/o Northwest Corridor Community Outreach Team al 1146 N. Mesa Drive #102-298, Mesa, AZ 85201. Línea de ayuda del proyecto: 480-890-3055 (Para Español: 480-529-3647), E-mail: ProjectUpdate@lewin-associates.com.

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## **NEWS**

For Immediate Release: June 18, 2008

For more information, contact the Grand Avenue hotline: 480.890.3055

### **Proposed Grand Avenue improvements in Peoria, Glendale and Phoenix the focus of upcoming public meetings**

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in conjunction with the cities of Phoenix, Glendale and Peoria, will host a series of public meetings in late June and early July to seek community input on possible improvements to Grand Avenue that are being considered for implementation within the next few years.

The study, which began last summer, evaluates potential improvements along Grand Avenue from Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) to McDowell Road for construction in Phase I (2006-2010) of the voter-approved Regional Transportation Plan for Maricopa County.

The meetings will be held:

**June 25, 2008**

Peoria City Hall - Pine Meeting Room  
8401 W. Monroe St., Peoria  
6-8 p.m.

**June 26, 2008**

Sunset Vista Elementary School - Multi-purpose Room  
7775 W Orangewood Ave., Glendale  
6-8 p.m.

**July 8, 2008**

Encanto Park - Clubhouse  
2605 N 15th Ave., Phoenix  
6-8 p.m.

A brief presentation will begin 30 minutes after the start of the meeting. Information provided at each of the meetings will focus on the proposed Grand Avenue improvements within the city where the meeting is held; however, information about projects in the other cities will be available. The public will have an opportunity to learn about and comment on the proposed improvements. Members of the study team will be available to answer questions about the projects being evaluated for each of the cities.

Improvements identified in the study are in addition to the upcoming widening projects from Loop 303 to 83rd Avenue, which will expand Grand Avenue to three lanes in each direction by 2011. Construction of the widening projects is expected to begin next year.

For more information about the meetings or the study, or for special accommodations, contact the Northwest Valley Community Outreach Team at 480.890.3055 or [projectupdate@lewin-associates.com](mailto:projectupdate@lewin-associates.com). Comments or questions may also be sent to Brock Barnhart, c/o Northwest Corridor Community Outreach Team, 1146 N. Mesa Drive #102-298, Mesa, AZ 85201.

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## Attachment 5: Sample public comment form



### PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Design Concept Report and Environmental Documentation for Potential Improvements  
US 60/Grand Avenue, between Loop 101 and McDowell Road

ADOT Project No. 060 MA 149 H7328 01L

June 25, 2008—City of Peoria Pine Room

The Arizona Department of Transportation in close cooperation with the City of Peoria is conducting a study to identify potential future improvements to US 60/Grand Avenue, between Loop 101 and McDowell Road. Potential project locations are identified on the map on the opposite page. Potential project types are listed below, in no specific order of preference:

- Pedestrian lighting on the non-railroad side of Grand Avenue
- Landscaping in medians that are at least 10 feet wide and along roadside, where feasible
- Screen wall or decorative fencing on railroad side
- New street Lighting

### COMMENTS

Please use the space below to share your comments with the study team. You may submit multiple comment forms. Please return your comment form(s) to the sign-in table prior to leaving the open house. You may also return your form(s) by July 9, 2008 by one of the following methods: FAX to 480-890-0013; Email to [projectupdate@lewin-associates.com](mailto:projectupdate@lewin-associates.com); or by US Mail to the following address:

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US 60/Grand Avenue, between Loop 101 and McDowell Road**

**ADOT Project No. 060 MA 149 H7292 01L**

**June 26, 2008—Sunset Vista Elementary School**

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- Parcel purchase
- Median closures and/or modifications
- New right-turn lanes
- New right-in/right-out turn configurations
- Intersection removals and/or improvements
- Driveway closures
- New screen wall – various locations
- Access reconfiguration
- New landscaping – west side of Grand Ave.
- New landscaping in medians that are at least 10-feet-wide
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July 8, 2008—Encanto Park Club House

The Arizona Department of Transportation in close cooperation with the City of Phoenix is conducting a study to identify potential future improvements to US 60/Grand Avenue, between Loop 101 and McDowell Road. Potential project locations are identified on the map on the opposite page. Potential project types are listed below, in no specific order of preference:

- Intersection improvements
- Median Closures
- New right-turn lanes
- New right-in/right-out turn configurations
- Intersection removals
- Driveway closures
- Access reconfiguration
- New sidewalks, where needed
- New street lighting
- New landscaping, where feasible

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